

GoF Gazette

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 26, 2000 (Mon)

Registration
Models, Photos,
Crafts, Arts
Hospitality
Orientation (No host bar)

Dinner, your choice
June 27, 2000 (Tue)

Hospitality
Registration
Technical Session
Rallye/Tour
Regalia
Models, Photos,
Crafts, Arts
Ashwood Derby (Prelims)

First Timer's Display
Dinner, your choice
June 28, 2000 (Wed)

Hospitality
Registration
Car Display
Fashion Show
Regalia

Models, Photos,
Crafts, Arts
Ashwood Derby (Semi-finals)
Advisory Council Mtg
Steering Comm Mtg
No Host Cocktails
Silent Auction
Auction Dinner
Auction

June 29, 2000 (Thu)

Hospitality
Registration
Technical Session
Flea Market
Funkhana
Mechanic's Contest
Models, Photos,
Crafts, Arts
Regalia
Technical Session
All judging closes
Ashwood Derby (Finals)

No Host Cocktails
Awards Dinner

June 30, 2000 (Friday)

Winner's Circle
Farewell Bkfst

California (MG) Dreamin'!

Never before has a contest of speed been part of a GoF West. But, with the dawning of a new millennium (OK for you purest, it's next year), we're adding a new feature; the Ashwood Derby! You'll have the opportunity to take your car to unheard of speeds.

Competing in several heats and with the competition on Thursday, the successful will be able to place their names amongst those builder of fame such as BRM, Lotus, Williams, McLaren, and Bentley.

It will all occur during GoF West 00, June 26 to June 30, 2000 at the beautiful Quails Inn located at Lake San Marcos, California, in a picturesque rural area just North of San Diego. With award winning early California style restaurants and not one but two English Pubs nearby.

The Ashwood Derby races have been a GoF tradition from very late in the last century (almost). Adults can usually build their own racers with minimal assistance from their children..

The basic kit includes simulated Ashwood block, wheels, axles, hub caps, and complete instructions. Basic Ashwood Racecar Specifications are a maximum car size including wheels of 7" long by 2 3/4" wide, a minimum width between wheels of 1 3/4", a minimum ground clearance between car & track of 3/8", and a maximum car weight of 5 oz. (142 g.)*. Metal or wood may be added. No wheel bearings, bushings, springs, starting devices, rubber bands, loose or moving weights or parts are allowed*.

Cars that do not meet specifications may be moved to another category or disqualified. The wheels supplied with this kit are the only wheels allowed*.

Remember, as you build your car, we will present separate awards for the best looking entries. Draw your favorite MG design on the wood block and you can use your own design, you are not limited to any actual MG.

The heavier your racer, the faster it will go. (Gravity, you know) Add weights to make your car weigh the maximum that the rules allow.



It is best if your weight is adjustable. Then if your car is too heavy you can adjust it at the official weigh-in. If your car is too heavy the race officials may disqualify it.

There will be three classes: *the CECIL KIMBER class; a special award for the most "MG" of the racers (oil leaks will be considered 'over the top'); *the GOLDIE GARDNER class; the fastest legal racer. Build to the rules, and go for it; and the* KEN MILES class; Just how fast can gravity make your racer go. Maximum weight 8 oz. Disregard rules marked with an *. Get on the internet and find many creative ways to build the ultimate Ashwood Derby racer. (You will find more sites if you use the

American term of "Pinewood Derby") You will be up against some pretty creative builders, so go for it.

Share your MG treasures with others at GoF West 2000! Many of the models, crafts and photos you've collected over the years will fit neatly into your car and can be entered in the Models, Photos and Arts & Crafts Competition. Give others a chance to enjoy them as we work together to feature all aspects of MGing at GoF West 2000.

Model competition will feature (1) Single Model, which is factory or entrant assembled; (2) Model Display, which consists of two or more models entered as a group; and (3) Diorama, which features MGs within a built scene.

Photo competition will feature three categories: (1) General Interest, which includes MGs in scenic or special settings, etc. (2) Humorous or Action, and (3) Spirit of MG, which most accurately reflects "The Spirit of MG". Snapshots and/or enlarged photos are welcome.

Arts & Crafts competition will include two categories: (1) Sewn Goods, which includes needlework, apparel, macramé, etc.; and (2) Crafts, which includes paintings, sketches, sculpture, carving, casting, ceramic, jewelry, etc.

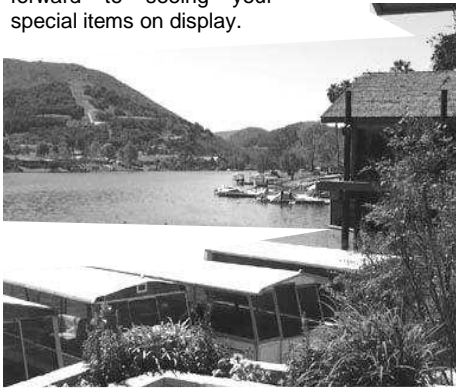
Entries in all the categories must be MG related and be the work of the registrant or a member of the immediate family. Also, entries may not have won at any previous GoF West.

Your efforts to share your special MG treasures will be rewarded. Entrants will receive a colorful ribbon to attach to their name badge for each category entered. Plus, top vote-getters in each

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category will receive one of the specially crafted TROPHIES!!

Join in helping us make the Models, Photos and Crafts Competition the best ever in the history of GoF West. We look forward to seeing your special items on display.



THE LAKE AT QUAILS INN

MINUTES, GoF West, Inc. Steering Committee Meeting Oakland, California

April 1, 2000

Meeting was called to order by Mike Campbell at 11:25 AM

Present from the Steering Committee were:

Mike Campbell
Syd Saperstein
Colin Fitzgerald
Floyd Inman
Terry Sanders

Dave Bradley was available via telephone
Bill Tantau attended representing GoF West 2001

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasure's Report was presented by Syd Saperstein and was accepted.

It was suggested that we establish a fiscal year ending November 1 as a means of more accurately seeing the GoF West financials. This will give the sponsoring club approximately two months to close their books.

The Federal Tax exempt status has not yet been determined. Syd will continue to pursue a refund of taxes previously paid.

Mike Campbell offered an update on GoF West 2000 in San Marcos, California. They have received 91 registrations to date, but feel the anticipated 150 will be met.

There was a concern about adequate

funds to front expenditures for the event. Mike was given an additional \$3,000.00 working capital, bringing the total to \$4,500.00.

All appears to be on schedule.

We contacted Dave Bradley to discuss a couple of issues that concerns him. He has asked for a brief biography of each of the Committee members.

He will be purchasing 500 One Thousand Mile Dash Plaques.

He noted that the poor reproduction of photographs in the Gazette was due to the printer. He has located another printer and will attempt improvement with the next edition.

We entered into a discussion on the excess funds being carried by the Steering Committee and it was decided that we should utilize this position to



REGISTRATION AREA

ensure quality goods in the auction. We will watch this year's and see where it takes us.

It was also noted by Syd that with the increase costs involved in putting a GoF West on, it will not be unusual to have \$7,000-\$9,000 out on float. With hotels requiring greater notice and greater guarantees we could be supporting as many as three GoF's at the same time. Syd will write a short explanation of the reserves for publication in the Gazette as a means of bringing understanding of this issue to the masses.

Timing of the GoF has been moving earlier over the past couple of years. It was felt that hotel availability and our attempt to hold hotel costs down is causing this to happen. We will watch this over the next couple of years.

A question as to which members of the Committee will have their terms end this year. It is certain that Dave Bradley and Floyd Inman will end their terms. It is questionable if Mike Campbell's will end.

Mike will check and verify. It was felt that the membership of GoF should consider prior experience in sponsoring an event as bolstering the candidate's qualifications.

Bill Tantau offered an update on the event for 2001. All appears to be under control. They have approximately ten people that have accepted committee responsibilities.

Colin emphasized that we should actively "market" the issue of hotel pricing and the discounts that have been negotiated to keep these prices as reasonable as possible compared to other hotels in the same area. As an example, the Marriott has given us \$155/night rates against rooms that normally sell for over \$200.00.

Mike asked that we all review the Red Book and offer comments on improving and/or correcting its content.

As suggested Steering Committee recognition of those people that have contributed to the spirit of the GoF West it was suggested that we form a "Hall of Fame" or some such status and present to the membership during the Awards Banquet.

We will begin an E-Mail discussion on the subject.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Floyd Inman
Secretary

Treasurer's Message

In response to questions and comments about the current status of the GoF West treasury, the following discussion is provided.

After running dangerously low funds balances a few years ago, we have been very fortunate over the past 2 years to have achieved a degree of unprecedented financial independence due to 4 contributing factors.

The first was a successful campaign to get the Franchise Tax Board to retroactively rebate to us 4 years of state corporation taxes paid before we were officially declared tax exempt. (A similar process is underway to obtain a refund of taxes paid to the IRS for the same period.) Second, we have had a very cooperative 2 years of host clubs declining to claim any share of the revenues from their respective GoF West events. Third, each of the past 2 years GoF West's have proven to be cash flow positive. And 4th, we have done away with outside legal counsel and accounting expenses by having our treasurer handle these matters internally at no cost to the organization.

The result of these improvements is that GoF West now has adequate reserves to finance significant advances to present

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and future hosting groups necessary to ensure adequate up front expense coverage to handle deposits

required by hotels etc. to lock in the best prices for their facilities for a number of years into the future. In addition, since most recent and future GoF West's have been /will be hosted by "non-clubs" (i.e. the banding together of a number of local clubs/interested individuals in a geographic area) there has not been /may not be a unified host club treasury capacity available to absorb the up front expenses of putting on a gathering. Thus GoF West has taken on this role.

Consequently the ebb and flow of funds required to cover advances to host groups to reserve their facilities and produce materials for the gatherings can cover as much as 3 years of GoF's. With the average deposit required by the hotels of from \$1500 to \$3000, as much as \$7000 of our treasury can be tied up in security deposits and advances.

The Steering Committee has decided to maintain a funds balance cushion to cover the possibility of financially unsuccessful GoF West's. This figure has been established at \$8,000. When these 2 numbers are added together it means that up to \$15,000 is tied up in advances and reserves. During any current GoF West year, expenses incurred by the hosting group usually precedes the amount of registration income by many months.

Your Steering Committee has decided to find ways to keep the amount of funds in the GoF West treasury from growing beyond the amounts necessary to cover realistic anticipated expenses. The Steering Committee has been exploring ways to return excess treasury funds balances to the attendees in some manner. This year we are purchasing some high quality auction items which should add far better prizes for the live and silent auction. If they go for bargain prices, so be it and the lucky bidder may walk away with a real deal. If they go for more than they cost us, we will be able to buy more and better auction prizes for the future.

Should you have any feelings about the governance of the treasury, and ways to return value to the attendees, please be sure to attend the Advisory Meeting at this years GoF West and express them to your Steering Committee for consideration.

**GoF WEST
BALANCE SHEET
As of 4/1/00**

ASSETS	
Cash	
GoF West Checking	\$ 1,775.42
Contingency fund (CD)	8,256.00
Reserve Account (MMA)	<u>4,060.00</u>
	\$14,091.42
Other Assets	
Advances	
GoF 2000	\$ 4,500.00
GoF 2001	1,500.00
Equipment	598.00
(less depreciation)	<u>120.00</u>
	<u>478.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$20,569.42

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.00
Fund Balance	<u>\$20,569.42</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$20,569.42

**GoF West
OPERATING STATEMENT
As of 4/1/00**

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE 11/21/99	\$21,113.65
INCOME	
Interest	\$128.88
TOTAL INCOME	\$128.88
EXPENSES	
Accounting	119.90
Awards	16.90
Banking	
Checks	.00
Service Charge	.00
Merchant discount fee	35.18
GoF 00	
Advance	\$1,500.00
	3,000.00
	\$4,500.00
GoF 01	
Advance	\$1,500.00
	1,500.00
Mailings	
Gazette	<u>435.14</u>
	435.14
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$6,607.12</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(6,478.24)
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$14,635.41

MEET YOUR CHAIRMAN

MIKE CAMPBELL was born and raised in the



County of San Diego, California; married Jo Lynn Campbell on June 25, 1965, also a native of San Diego; 2 children, Scot Campbell, a money courier for Loomis Fargo, and Carrie Cardenas, a medical doctor at Stanford University, currently completing her residency program; and one grandchild, Kevin Campbell, unemployed (age 4) Mike is an attorney by vocation, a MG enthusiast by avocation (which more than compensates for the former). Mike's family acquired their first MGTD in 1978. Since that date, they have acquired a second MGTD, a 1949 MGTC, a MGTF 1500 (first place at the Grand Tetons GoF West

'92), a 1952 Arnold drophead (first place at the Monterey GoF West '98) and most recently a 1937 VA drophead (unrestored).

Since 1978, we have traveled as a family to virtually all of the GoF West's. In 1984, Mike was co-chair of the GoF West in San Diego. This year he is the chair of the GoF West 2000 in Lake San Marcos.

He was elected to the GoF West Steering Committee at the GoF West '94 in Ventura and have been the chair of the Steering Committee since 1997.

Mike's club affiliation is with the San Diego MG "T" Register, the host of GoF West 2000.

GoF STEERING COMMITTEE

The terms of two positions on the Steering Committee are expiring this year. The positions are currently occupied by Dave Bradley (who is on a 3 year active duty recall with the Navy and has decided not to run for re-election) and Floyd Inman. Nominations and elections for these positions will occur at the Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, June 28th.

Please insure that your club has a representative at this meeting. The Steering Committee would greatly appreciate being notified prior to the meeting of the name of the appointed spokesperson for your club. While this person will be the only person with a vote, all attendees are invited to the meeting and are welcome to express their views.

A Bit of British (MG) Humor

What does Lucas stand for?

Lousy Unsoldered Connections and Splices
Look Under Car After Starting
Lights Usually Crackle and Short

Why do the British drink warm beer?
Because they have Lucas refrigerators!

Markings on Lucas three-position switch:
OFF/DIM/FLICKER

A supposedly true story:
A guy shipped his MGTF over to England from the US for a T-series run. While over there, his clock (which had never run during his ownership of the car) suddenly began to tick and move. He set the clock to British Summer Time, and it kept PERFECT TIME throughout the trip. Upon shipping his car back to the States, the clock quit again, and has never run since.

Lucas temporal signals transmitted from Big Ben, perhaps??

CORRECTION

In the previous issue we listed the winner of the Crafts (for the wood carving) as Mary Lou Nuzum. It was actually Jim Nuzum who did the carving from the cover of an Abingdon Spares catalog. Thanks Jim.

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GoF WEST 2000 REGISTRATION FORM

June 26 - 30, 2000
The Qualis Inn Hotel
Lake San Marcos, California
Hosted by the San Diego MG "T" Register

Name(s): _____
Name(s) of children attending under the age of 16: _____
(Please submit another registration for children 16 and over)
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Eve Phone: () _____ Day Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____
Primary MG Club Affiliation: _____
Type(s) of MG(s) you will be bringing: _____

Is this your first GoF West? Yes _____ No _____

Registration Fees: \$65.00
In Spirit: \$10.00

Method of Payment: Cash: _____
Check: _____ (Payable to GoF West 2000)
VISA/MC: _____

VISA/MC Number: _____
Exp. Date: _____
Signature: _____

Each registration number will receive one free "T" shirt bearing caricatures of the "T" Types.
Please indicate the size requested: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL _____. Additional "T" shirts will
be available in Regalia.

Mail Registration to:

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c/o Mike Campbell
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Chula Vista, CA 91910
(619) 425-0600 [days]
(619) 472-5199 [evenings]
(619) 425-2410 [fax]
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Please make directly with The Qualis Inn Hotel at:
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